

VZCZCXYZ0000
PP RUEHWEB

DE RUEHBU #0702/01 1432253
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
P 222253Z MAY 08
FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1124
INFO RUEAIIA/CIA WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RHEFDIA/DIA WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RHMCSSU/FBI WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RHEHAAA/NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RHMFISS/HQ USSOUTHCOM MIAMI FL PRIORITY
RHMFISS/DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY

155163,5/22/2008 22:53,08BUENOSAIRES702,"Embassy Buenos Aires",CONFIDENTIAL,08BUENOSAIRES64698BUENOSAIRES5826,"VZCZCXYZ0000PP RUEHWEBDE RUEHBU RHEHAAA/NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON DC PRIORITYRHMFISS/HQ USSOUTHCOM MIAMI FL PRIORITYRHMFISS/DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY", E.O. 12958: DECL: 05/22/2028 TAGS: [PTER](#) [PREL](#) [PGOV](#) [KJUS](#) [AR](#) [FBI](#)

SUBJECT: ARGENTINA: AMIA PROSECUTOR REQUESTS ARREST OF MENEM AND OTHERS FOR "LOCAL CONNECTION" COVER-UP REF: A. 1998 BUENOS AIRES 05826 B. 20

Classified By: DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION THOMAS P. KELLY FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D)

1. (C) Summary: Alberto Nisman, Argentina's Special Prosecutor to investigate the 1994 terrorist attack against the Argentine Israeli Mutual former President Carlos Menem, former federal judge Juan Galeano, and others for their alleged role in covering up and protecting the "local c Nisman, who apologized for not giving us the heads-up and explained that family members of the victims had pressured him to rectify the mistake Kirchner (CFK) by going after one of her political enemies. End Summary. ----- AMIA "Local Connection" Reexamir Larcher did not specify names, and reference to the "local connection" was understood to be phase two of the AMIA investigation, focused on i chief Jorge "Fino" Palacios. Nisman has accused them of protecting Alberto Kanoore Edul, Jr., who is suspected of facilitating the local lo truck that would be used in the attack left Telleldin's possession. When Kanoore was asked why he made the call, he first said his chauffeur r 15. (SBU) The article goes on to state that Nisman's complaint alleges that federal judge Galeano ordered authorities to wiretap Kanoore's tele from Galeano's office. Galeano later gave a declaration where he admitted that when he arrested Kanoore to interrogate him, he had received a

-----7. (C) Shortly after the news broke, Legatt contacted Nisman to get his side of the story. Nisman apologized for not giving us the heads-up and explained that family members of the victims had been pressuring him to rectify the mistakes of the previous inv stated that he had not considered the implications of the announcement on the international investigation. Legatt told Nisman that the Ambassador is concerned and wished that Nisman had given us prior notice. Nisman again apologized and offered to sit down with the Ambassador and Legatt to discuss next steps. Post will follow up with Nisman and other relevant GOA authoriti